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'Tzena' Composer Is Sued For \$100,000

Mizrachi Blasts Reform Rebuff To Rabbi Judah Maimon

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NEW YORK—Refusal of a group of American Reform leaders to serve on a welcoming committee for Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israel Minister of Religions, was denounced this week as a case of "extraordinary bad taste."

The charge came from Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the Mizrahi (religious-Zionist) Organization of America, which is sponsoring the famous religious leader's first visit to the United States.

Dr. Maimon is scheduled to arrive in New York Jan. 23 for a 10-city tour of the United States.

THEY SAID NO

One of his scheduled appearances is in Cincinnati on Feb. 4. The rejection of bids to serve on the welcoming committee for him in that city were made by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the American Reform seminary; Lester A. Jaffe, chairman of the Board of Governors of the HUC-JIR; Rabbi Stanley Brav of Rockdale Temple, and Philip Meyers, former Ohio chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and of the Cincinnati Welfare Fund.

Dr. Glueck made no comment in rejecting the invitation to serve on the Cincinnati welcoming committee, but the other three Reform leaders issued statements, explaining their stand.

All said they could not serve with a clear conscience on a committee to welcome a man they charged with heading efforts to establish a theocracy in Israel.

Jaffe said that if Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, giant of American Zionism, were to settle in Israel, he could not perform as a Reform rabbi.

Dr. Churgin said, in a formal statement, that the action of the Reform leaders was "in extraordinary bad taste which ill becomes any leaders in the American Jewish community."

The Mizrahi leader said that Rabbi Maimon, as a minister of the Jewish State "at the very least deserves the same de jure recognition which these Reform religious leaders accord to non-religious or even anti-religious ministers from Israel."

"To refuse to honor this eminent religious figure who has contributed to Jewish life and letters and to the independence of the Jewish State as much if not more than any living Jewish figure is more a reflection on their sense of values than on the person of the minister and that which he so magnificently represents," Dr. Churgin declared.

The Mizrahi official said that while Dr. Glueck's associates might not be aware of it, "Dr. Glueck knows full well there are no Reform communities in Israel and consequently there is no controversy over who is qualified to perform rabbinical functions."

Dr. Churgin described as



DR. PINKHOS CHURGIN
Bad Taste and Values

"shameful" Jaffe's use of the name of Rabbi Silver.

NOT DR. SILVER

"Are they not aware that Dr. Silver, who is as much a prominent Reform Jewish leader as any of the protesters, is himself the honorary chairman of the Minister Maimon Reception Committee in Cleveland?"

"In accepting the chairmanship, Dr. Silver stressed his close friendship with the noted scholar and statesman with whom he served on the Zionist executive during the days of the British Mandate," Dr. Churgin said.

"One can hardly impute theocratic sympathies to Dr. Silver, nor would one expect this outspoken advocate of Reform Judaism to associate himself with an effort that discriminated

If You Sing, Be Sure To Drink

MUNICH—(WNS)—Three Germans were recently arrested in the city of Saarbruecken for disturbing the peace of the night by singing the notorious "Horst Wessel" song, the anti-Semitic national hymn of the Hitlerite regime.

During the trial the men told the court that they had been drinking that night and that they were enjoying themselves by singing a song which reminded them "of the good old days." The judge dismissed the complaint against the men on the ground that people under the influence of liquor cannot be said to be "politically minded."

against his religious convictions," the Mizrahi president said.

Dr. Churgin said that the reaction, "which is notably that of a mere handful, carries the lost echoes of the Protest-Rabbiner of old. It is even possible to distinguish beneath their anti-theocratic clichés a strong strain of the old antagonism to Zionism."

The Mizrahi official said that Rabbi Maimon's position in Jewish history was secure and impervious to "timid rebuffs," and that "the American Jewish community would pay honor to him."

"We regret that these gentlemen cannot see fit to join American Jewry in this historic event," Dr. Churgin said.

British Refuse Sale Of Big Guns To Israel

LONDON—Israel will be permitted to purchase light arms in this country, it was revealed when the British government replied to the six-month-old Israeli request for permission to purchase arms and other military equipment.

The reply is said to have specifically barred the sale of heavy equipment such as tanks, engines, trucks and large-caliber guns.

REFORM TEACHER URGES END OF "SHACKLES" OF HEBREW

(Other Conference Stories Inside)

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—An American Reform spokesman urged this week that U.S. Jewish education be freed from "the shackles" of Hebrew.

Dr. Abraham N. Franzblau, a member of the faculty of Hebrew Union College, made the proposal to 1,000 educators and rabbis at the First National Conference on Jewish Education.

He said Hebrew was dear to the heart of every Jew but that "we can't live in a world of fantasy."

"We must admit that our goal of Hebrew has been a failure," he said, and called for concentration on the religious aspects of the Jewish community.

Dr. Franzblau predicted that the trend was in that direction and that if the education conference were to meet 50 years from now, the delegates would come exclusively as representatives of synagogues rather than, as present, delegates of secular bodies, national groups and miscellaneous organizations.

Two Bagdad Jews Killed In Bombing

BAGDAD (WNS)—A bomb exploded here near a synagogue, killing two Jews and injuring thirty others.

The bombing took place late at night. Police said they were investigating the incident. No arrests were reported.

8TH FOR GALIL

CLEVELAND—Camp Galil, the Cleveland Jewish Education Bureau-sponsored camp for children, is accepting registration for its eighth season.

U.S. Song-Writer Says Reputation Damaged

By Z'EV KRONISH

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Julius Grossman, American Jewish composer, announced this week he is suing Isaac Miron for \$100,000 because Miron "is parading himself as the sole composer" of the hit song, "Tzena."

Grossman has accused Miron, now visiting the United States in connection with copyright issues of the song hit, of presenting himself as the song's composer in press, radio and television interviews when in fact "he is not the composer but the co-composer."

Grossman said both he and Miron are under contract with Mills Music, Inc., for identical royalties and that both are listed as co-composers wherever credits are given on sheet music.

BACK IN 1941

The original version of "Tzena" was written in 1941 by Miron when he was fighting with the Jewish Brigade of the British Army.

According to Grossman, the song became popular in Jewish circles in the United States after he added several measures to the song in 1947. He said it became an American hit when Gordon Jenkins wrote the English lyrics.

Miron, in an exclusive statement to The POST last week, gave a different version. He said he had composed the song, that Grossman had written the addition independently and that he had no objections to sharing credit with Grossman.

HE DID IT

Miron, insisted, however, that he was the original composer and that Grossman's additions did not change that situation. Miron denied he had deliberately avoided mention of Grossman's share in the song's success. NJP Jan. 12).

Grossman, in announcing plans to sue, said that many of his friends and colleagues have begun to have some doubt regarding his share in the authorship of the song.

He said Miron's alleged actions had tremendously harmed his earning capacity as a composer and has retarded promotion of his current compositions.

GROSSMAN COMPLAINS

"I pointed out to Miron many times the necessity of sharing the credit for the song," Grossman told The POST. "He assured me he would not continue to represent himself as the sole composer. After each discussion the same pattern unfolded itself in the press and on the radio. Miron was taking all the credit."

Asked to comment on Grossman's lawsuit, Jack Mills, president of the music house, said "I'm surprised."

Avraham Harman, director of the Israel Office of Information here, declined comment on the charges or the lawsuit.

Grossman, who is only 28 years old, has already made a reputation in the field of Jewish music as composer and choral and music director. He is assistant music director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York City and an active member of court redress.

the Jewish Music Council and the Jewish Music Forum.

It was revealed also that Mills is suing Cromwell Music, Inc., which has also published sheet music for "Tzena." Mills suit charges infringement of copyright.

Howard Richmond, general manager of Cromwell, told The POST his company is suing Mills on charges of unfair competition and damages.

At the time Cromwell was preparing to publish the song a year ago, Richmond said, an intensive search was started to find the composers who had helped "Tzena" grow from a "folk melody" into a popular smash hit. Richmond said that when no claims were made, the royalties that might have gone to an Israeli were offered to the Israel Patent Office for promotion of cultural activity.

Richmond said that when Miron finally did put in a claim through a New York attorney, Cromwell was ready to assign him a share in the royalties.

However, the lawyer had an offer from Mills which "he thought was a better deal, which it wasn't," and that was the end of the negotiations between Cromwell and Miron, Richmond said.

As a result of the competition between Mills and Cromwell, the song suffered tremendously, Richmond said.

"It could have been ten times as popular but people were restrained from playing it" because Mills claimed the copyright and threatened court action, Richmond added.

Asked why his company was so anxious to find persons who might have contributed to the development of the song, Richmond replied that a music publisher's first task is to be a "functioning intermediary" between composers and the public. He added there was "enough money" for all who bring music to the people.

Grossman said that the Israeli Consulate was arranging Miron's interviews and introducing him as the composer of the song.

"There are many American artists who, thrilled at the prospect of working side by side with their Israeli colleagues, are now deeply disappointed by this state of affairs," Grossman said. "We all hope the Consulate will see the grave harm being done to American and Israeli relations and will lose no time in rectifying the wrong done."

Shown Miron's statement to The POST, Grossman said that the Israeli composer's remarks contained quotations of the same kind for which he was seeking court redress.

S.F. Rabbi Rapped For One-Man Fight On Yule In Schools

Chicago Zionists Hit For Omitting U. S. National Anthem At Macabee Fetes

CHICAGO—Dr. G. George Fox, a widely-known retired rabbi, last week sharply criticized the absence of the U.S. national anthem from Chanukah celebrations staged by the Zionist Organization of Chicago. He reported on the matter in his regular column in the Chicago Sentinel.

He said the first Chanukah festival he attended a year ago was a "beautiful and an inspiring entertainment."

"The Hatikvah was sung, the performances went on, the climax was reached, the curtain came down—and I missed our national anthem."

He said he discussed the matter with one of the Zionist officials and was assured that it was an oversight.

This year, Rabbi Fox missed the festival because he was out of town but when he asked about it, he was told that the national anthem had again been omitted.

"The matter was worse because of the presence of the mayor and several city officials," Dr. Fox asserted. "Even were these not there, it was a serious blunder."

He said that if the Israel national hymn was sung, "there is no reason why the American national hymn should not be sung. It is not a question of one against the other. At a public affair of that kind, civic decency, loyalty and good manners dictate the singing of our national anthem, even if the national anthems of other countries be omitted."

Dr. Fox also was critical of the display of the Jewish flag at the dinner of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education recently.

He said that the American flag and the Israeli flag were on display at the speakers table.

"We did not note the presence of any representative of the State of Israel," he said. "If such a representative was there, it was not announced."

Under those circumstances, he asked, "what was the function of the national flag of the State of Israel" at the banquet?

He said the only reason he could think of was that the Board of Jewish Education wanted "to indicate that there was a close affiliation between the Board and the State of Israel."

Local Community Relations Body, Rabbinical Group Not Consulted

By GERALD TURNOY

National Jewish Post Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—(NJP)—A local Orthodox rabbi was under sharp criticism from Jewish civic defense spokesmen and the organized rabbinate here this week for a one-man fight on Christmas activities in local public schools.

Rabbi Bernard Dov Marton, spiritual leader of Congregation

Knesset Israel since he came here from New York six years ago, touched off the criticism when he wrote to Supt. of Schools Dr. Herbert C. Klish, a Catholic.

Rabbi Marton asserted that Jewish children were subject to psychological tension as a result of Christmas activities in the classroom. He charged that such activities violated the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

NO JUSTIFICATION

Rabbi Marton further complained that the principle of melding a united people out of diverse groups, was not justification for "foisting" the views and beliefs of the majority on members of minority groups.

The rabbi based his criticisms upon the experience of his two children, Larry, 7 and Deborah, 11, students at a demonstration school operated by the public school system in connection with the San Francisco State College, the local teacher training institution.

CANT BRING MENORAH

Rabbi Marton told The POST that his son could not be expected to bring a menorah to class and explain the meaning of Chanukah without being subject to ridicule or giving the impression that the holiday is the Jewish equivalent of Christmas.

He also wrote Supt. Klish that from his observations, the schools taught children nothing but Christmas stories during the month of December.

Klish promptly replied that while he welcomed all criticism, Rabbi Marton had been misinformed. Klish said that in his instructions to teachers, he had urged care in the selection of Christmas carols and prohibited forcing any child to take part in Christmas activities if this was against the wishes of the parents.

A LITTLE TOLERANCE

Klish urged Rabbi Marton to view with tolerance the effort of the schools to preserve values in a "godless and totalitarian world," and asserted that San Francisco held a national award for the promotion of tolerance in the schools.

To that the Orthodox rabbi replied with a request that Klish re-examine his understanding of tolerance. The rabbi said that to avoid embarrassing children and to promote separation of church and state, it was healthier to omit all religious training from the public schools.

The rabbi further suggested that hours be provided for the instruction of children of each faith by qualified religious spokesmen and volunteered his own services for such a program.

similar to the released time program practiced in other parts of the country.

BOARD TO REPLY

Rabbi Marton told The POST that he did not expect a reply from Klish but the local Board of Education reported that a reply would be made after completion of a legal opinion by an attorney for the board.

Rabbi Marton said he believed that any future action of the board would be influenced by the recent decision of the Midcentury Conference on Youth in Washington, which reaffirmed the separation of religious and public school teachings after a vigorous floor battle. (NJP, Dec. 22, 1950).

The Orthodox rabbi's independent negotiations drew prompt criticism. Eugene Bloch, director of the regional office of the Anti-Defamation League, as well as of the Jewish Survey and B'nai B'rith community committee, said the survey committee was the designated public relations arm of the associated Jewish organizations of San Francisco.

HITS ONE-MAN STAND

Bloch said Rabbi Marton should have discussed the matter with Bloch's office before proceeding to negotiate independently.

Rabbi Martin defended his action with the assertion that the Survey Committee represented only Reform Jewry and that he would disclaim any attempt by Bloch "to represent the entire Jewish community."

Bloch also pointed out that a released time program had been discussed locally in 1945 and rejected as "not necessary" in San Francisco. Bloch also said that while the organizations in the Survey Committee had taken no stand on the issue, discussions with the school board of Christmas practices in the schools had resulted in "substantial progress toward an acceptable solution."

RABBIS OBJECT

Criticism came also from the Northern California Council of Rabbis, of which Rabbi Marton is not a member.

Rabbi Saul E. White of Congregation Beth Shalom, president, said that the great majority of the rabbis in the area, are members. Membership is by invitation.

Rabbi White commented also that if the Board of Education were to consult the rabbinical group on released time, the rabbis would register their formal opposition.

If It's Vital, It's In
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Minn. Defense Agency Seeking Less Sectarian School Exercises

National Jewish Post

MINNEAPOLIS—A quiet campaign to change the character of baccalaureate services of Minneapolis public schools into something a little less sectarian was being pushed here this week.

The campaign was undertaken by Samuel Scheiner, executive secretary of the Minnesota Jewish Council, state civic defense agency, in cooperation with local rabbinical officials.

Under present arrangements at least one high school has already promised to substitute the type of service Schreiner proposes. There has been no commitment to date on the part of the other high schools. Baccalaureate services are held prior to the graduation exercises held annually early in June in the Minneapolis public school system.

DIFFERENT APPROACH

Scheiner has been suggesting that high school officials sponsor instead a dedication stressing moral and ethical values.

The POST was informed that the POST was informed that

FOR YULE, TOO

The Minnesota Jewish Council also has undertaken a long range

program to persuade school officials to use a brotherhood theme, secular in nature, for the city schools Chanukah - Christmas fetes which emphasize the religious aspects of the holidays.

Some progress in that direction was apparent in at least one elementary public school during the past holiday season.

14-Pound Boy For Israel

National Jewish Post

HADERA, Israel — An immigrant couple from Rumania, living in a migrant work camp, are the parents of a 14-pound baby boy.

The mother is Mrs. Aharon Markushon, who gave birth to the child by Caesarian section. Both mother and child were doing well.

The couple's first child, also a boy, weighed more than 10 pounds at birth.

Jews In Dairen Plan Exit To Israel

HONG KONG (WNS)—Four Jewish families still live in Dairen, Soviet-occupied port in Manchuria, but they, too, are planning to leave for Israel as soon as possible, it was disclosed by a group of emigrants who passed through Dairen on their way to the Jewish state.

This group of 67 men and women, after a delay in Dairen of several months, have just received Soviet exit visas. They arrived here on a ship chartered by the Joint Distribution Committee.

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Only Woman Rabbi Says Not Interested In Pulpit Career

Reform Congregation Held Fully Backing Appointment

MERIDIAN, Miss.—Mrs. William Ackerman, the first woman in the history of American Judaism to serve as a spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation, said this week she had no intention of making a career of the rabbinate.

Mrs. Ackerman was named by the congregation of Reform Temple Beth Israel to succeed her late husband, Rabbi William Ackerman. It was not the first such appointment in modern Jewish history, however. Some 15 years ago, the Reformed-Liberal congregation in London named Miss Lily Montagu, world Reform leader, as spiritual leader, a post she still holds.

Mrs. Ackerman, who is not an ordained rabbi, said she would perform rabbinical duties until such time as the congregation decides to elect a duly ordained rabbi.

UAHC NOT READY TO APPROVE

World Wide News Service said an earlier report that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations had sanctioned her appointment had been denied by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the UAHC, the Congregational arm of the American Reform movement.

WNS quoted Dr. Eisendrath as approving in principle the right of women to serve in the rabbinate, but that the UAHC would "have grave reservations, regarding the appointment as rabbi of any non-ordained person, male or female."

The city of Meridian has a Jewish population of 300 and about 100 are members of Beth Israel. Since it is the only Jewish synagogue here, it is attended by Orthodox and Conservative Jews, as well as Reform.

NAMED TO SUCCEED HUSBAND

Mrs. Ackerman is 57 and mother of one son, Dr. William Ackerman, a practicing dentist here. Rabbi Ackerman died last November.

Asked about some issues raised by her appointment, Mrs. Ackerman told The POST she believed that Reform Judaism makes no distinction between laymen and laywomen and that the Beth Israel congregation regards her as qualified to discharge the duties of a spiritual leader.

She said that the idea had occurred to Sydney Kay, president of the congregation, along with other members of the congregation, including members of Conservative and Orthodox backgrounds. She said all elements in the congregation supporting the idea had been "equally enthusiastic."

SHE WILL EXPLAIN HER STAND

She said she intended to appear before the congregation board this weekend and later to explain to the congregation at the annual meeting Jan. 26 that any member of the congregation who prefers the services of a neighboring rabbi for weddings or funerals "may do so with my full consent."

The question was raised as to the possibility that other Jews might refuse to recognize marriages performed by Mrs. Ackerman as Jewish marriages.

"I will only perform such services for members who request them," she replied. "As far as legality is concerned, the state of Mississippi gives me that right."

In reply to queries concerning Dr. Eisendrath's comments, she said she had not seen those comments.

WOULD NOT CONSIDER ANOTHER PULPIT

"But I have no intention of making a career of the rabbinate nor would I consider a position similar to the one offered me here with any Congregation other than Beth Israel," she said.

"For 31 years I have shared every experience with my sainted husband. I feel my deep sorrow to be a sort of consecration and the opportunity and privilege of carrying on his work, mourning in the true Jewish spirit."

While she rejected any plans for rabbinical training or any interest in a rabbinical career, Mrs. Ackerman said that if "this break with precedent will plant a seed for welcoming women students at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who will be given ordination when qualified, then I will have been happy to have pioneered in the movement."

Mrs. Ackerman said there had been no objections to her appointment from any segment of the congregation.

CONGREGATION MORE UNITED THAN EVER

"The President of the Congregation tells me the approval is unanimous, and the Congregation seems more united than ever," she informed The POST. "I have been further informed that two members have voluntarily raised their dues."

"Not only is my Congregation wholeheartedly with me, but the non-Jewish community as well, locally and through Mississippi and the area," she reported. "In a small community of 50,000 in the heart of the deep south where there are less than 300 Jewish souls, this approval is not to be taken lightly."

Red Anti-Semitism Mounting In Europe

NEW YORK—(WNS)—The anti-Semitic campaign in Hungary has been accelerated and steps are under way to deport many Jews to Soviet labor camps, it was disclosed here by Dr. Bela Fabian, former deputy of the Hungarian Parliament and member of the Hungarian National Council here.

Dr. Fabian made the disclosure on the basis of information he just received from the Hungarian underground. He charged that many Jewish leaders in Hungary have been liquidated, adding "those were the methods the Nazis used to practice." The latest anti-Jewish campaign, he stated, may well be a prelude to the wholesale deportation of Hungarian Jews.

At the same time he reported that the Hungarian underground received news of wholesale deportations to Eastern Siberia of "almost the entire Jewish population of the Ukraine, White Russia and the Crimea."

French Give Status To Jewish Refugees

PARIS (WNS)—The French government, after long negotiations and intervention by various Jewish organizations, has agreed to eliminate the "enemy alien" status of Jewish refugees from Germany.

In the future those refugees will bear the status of "stateless residents" and they will be able to apply for French citizenship papers. The new ruling is expected to affect about 16,000 Jews who fled to France from Germany and who were heretofore considered alien enemies under the law.

German Reform Jews Buy Church For Temple

LONDON (WNS)—The St. Peters vicarage in northwest London has been purchased by the new Liberal Jewish congregation in the Regents Park section of this city, it was announced this week.

The Jewish group consists of Reform Jews who fled from Germany during Hitler's reign.

HATE-PEDDLER HAILS ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The labors of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism have drawn the hearty applause of a professional anti-Semite.

The endorsement of the Council by Conde McGinley appears in his hate sheet "Common Sense," the current issue of which is devoted to the theme that "Yiddish Marxists Plot U.S.A. Defeat by USSR."

Milton J. Friedman, Washington columnist for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, reported that copies of that issue are flooding the capital.

The hate sheet attacks the American Zionist movement and the B'nai B'rith but writes that "every patriotic American owes a vote of thanks to men like Lessing Rosenwald and Rabbi Elmer Berger of the American Council for Judaism for what they are doing to expose Yiddish Marxists and all the Judaic organizations which cringe before and curry the favor of Yiddish Marxist power."

Rosenwald is president of the anti-Zionist body and Rabbi Berger is its national executive director.

"Americans who know what's best for the country welcome the cooperation of Judaic Americans who are members of the American Council for Judaism," McGinley writes. "Excepting this group and their silent Judaic sympathizers, it can safely be stated that the world-wide religious organization . . . is under domination of Yiddish Marxists via Zionism and used by them to accelerate the fulfillment of the 'historic mission' of Karl Marx."



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Fund Drive Started For Minn. Hillel House

MINNEAPOLIS (NJP) — A \$375,000 building fund campaign was started here last week for a new Hillel Foundation on the campus of the University of Min-

nesota.

Rabbi Louis Milgrom, Minnesota Hillel director, said physical condition of the present 80-year-old structure and lack of proper facilities make a new house imperative.



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First Jewish Education Conclave Urges Communal Aid To All Schools

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A four-point program of cooperative action to marshal all religious and organizational elements in American Jewish life for one common effort to improve and expand education activities was adopted this week at the First National Conference of Jewish Education.

The conference was sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Education with the cooperation of 32 major national Jewish organizations.

The program approved by the 1,000 delegates constituted the first agreement in American Jewish history on community-wide cooperative action in the field of Jewish educational endeavor.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Delegates agreed that diversity in types of Jewish schools and in their basic philosophies was desirable and in keeping with the American tradition of religious-cultural democracy.

The program was aimed at insuring that all varieties of Jewish education would be accorded full community support and would be helped to meet the high standards of American educational experience.

The four-point program included:

1. Creation of a permanent advisory council, representing all

the major organizations in U.S. Jewish life, to work with the American Association to develop, promote and expand Jewish educational activities;

2. Adoption of a basic statement on community responsibility, which declares that Jewish education "must occupy a position of primacy in parental and community responsibility." The resolution calls on all Jewish communities, organizations and individuals in the United States to provide full financial support for Jewish education; to develop integrated Jewish educational programs in each community for all age levels; to raise educational standards to the highest possible level; to organize and support local community agencies for Jewish education and to create improved conditions of training and employment for teachers in Jewish schools.

3. Adoption of a resolution calling for a full-scale nation-wide study on the history, progress, effectiveness, achievement and status of every Jewish educational institution in the United States.

4. Adoption of a "Charter of

Rights for the Jewish Child," which points out that the Jewish community bears responsibility in relation to its children, supplementary to those owed to all children by the general American community, and pledges to dedicate all efforts, talents and resources of the community to the discharge of those obligations.

A NEW APPROACH

At a symposium at the opening session of the two-day conference, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, Reconstructionist leader, called for revision of public school schedules to allow more time for supplementary education for children.

He also called for a "new deal" in American Jewish life and proposed the establishment of "an organic community" which would give all Jews and particularly children, a sense of "belonging to the Jewish people."

Both Sh. Nigar, Yiddish essayist, and Menachem Ribalow, noted Hebrew editor, stressed the importance of being familiar with the original sources of Jewish literature.

Jewish Teacher Training Schools Imperiled By Draft, Says Chipkin

NEW YORK—The draft will empty the already gravely inadequate training schools for Jewish teachers of all their male students, the First National Conference on Jewish Education was warned this week.

The warning was made by Dr. Israel S. Chipkin, vice president of the American Association for Jewish Education, sponsor of the conference. Michael Stavitsky of Newark, a ranking U. S. Zionist leader, is president of the association.

Chipkin said there were 16 teacher training schools throughout the country and four graduate schools.

He said the total number of graduates was very small and estimated the number of teachers needed at three times the number graduated each year.

He told the delegates that the Jewish school system which was established in 1900 to supple-

ment the public schools has increased in the number of children it serves and the number of schools it has established.

HOW IT WAS

In that year, elementary classes constituted the whole of the U. S. Jewish school system, Dr. Chipkin reported. Today, the system includes kindergarten classes, high school and college classes, as well as teacher training schools.

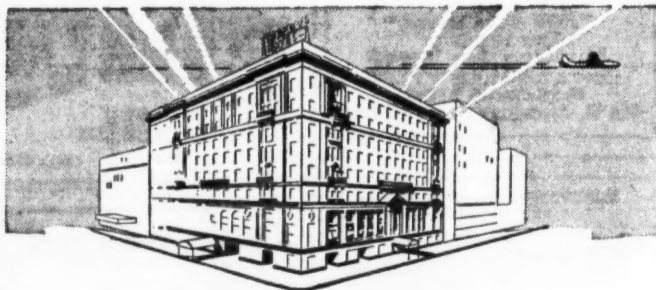
About half of the students are in the one-day-a-week classes, about eight per cent are in all-day classes and close to 42 per cent are in afternoon week-day classes.

ALL FOR ALL

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Freeman Says Jewish Education Must Give Aid To Jewry To Get

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Supporters of Jewish education in America who want financial and other aid from the local community were told this week that the process is a two-way street.

That proposition was presented at the final session of the First National Conference on Jewish Education by Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The CJFWF represents nationally the 300 local federations and welfare funds of the American Jewish community.

Freeman said

that with half of

American Jewish

central fund-

raising organiza-

tions helping to

support Jewish

education locally,

there was no

longer any argu-

ment about com-

munity responsi-

bility for Jewish

education.

"Jewish education—and I use

the term to apply to all people

both lay and professional in

whose lives it forms a primary

interest—also has a measure of

responsibility," Freeman told the

conference.

"It is fitting and proper that

Jewish education lean on the

central community organization

of community service."



FREEMAN

for assistance in development but it must be remembered that in its relationship to the community it is a functional arm of the organized community, a functional arm assigned the major part of the task described as educating our community," he said.

Freeman said that in the past many backers of Jewish education were "completely parochial" in their attitude. He said they had little interest "in the many other essential communal services and responsibilities."

"This parochial attitude must be dropped if the community is to be responsible for Jewish education," Freeman said. "Those interested in Jewish education must have a sense of responsibility to the community. If we who are positive in our Judaism want positive Jewish causes to receive their adequate share of communal funds it is up to us to be certain that we are doing our maximum for the sum totality of community service."

SYNAGOGUE IN DAVENPORT PILLAGED BY FIVE VANDALS

DAVENPORT—(WNS)—Five Holy Scrolls, the sacred ark and a number of other objects were wrecked in the B'nai Emeth Synagogue here on New Year's eve, it was just disclosed by a resident of that city.

When the worshippers entered the synagogue, many of them who lived through pogrom experiences in the old country were reminded of the very experiences which made them seek freedom in America.

Fast work by the police led to the arrest of five hoodlums. When brought to court, the vandals were placed under light bail and the police showed no particular interest to have the culprits properly punished.

Davenport has a Jewish community of about one hundred families. The relationship between the Jews and the Christian community has always been an excellent one. The recent incident, however, has evoked misgivings as well as sadness among the Jews of this city.

Reform Chaplain Replacement Studied

CINCINNATI — Ways and means of providing replacements for rabbis entering the armed forces as chaplains will be discussed at a meeting of the board of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion next Wednesday. The HUC-JIR is the American Reform seminary.

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Congress Spurns Isolation Charge From AJ Committee On Anti-Reds

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Congress this week rejected a charge of "Jewish isolationism" as "coming with ill grace" from the American Jewish Committee.

The charge had been made by the AJ Committee, leading conservative civic defense agency, for the Congress' unremitting criticism of the All-American Conference Against Communism.

The accusation had come from Dr. S. Andhil Fineberg, director of community services for the AJ Committee with which the Congress is in fundamental disagreement.

Dr. Fineberg had strongly defended AJ Committee and Jewish War Veterans participation in the formation of the Conference and its subsequently-established permanent organization.

He had rapped the Congress for its references to the fact that Merwin K. Hart, professional anti-Semite and his National Economic Council had been invited to the first session of the Conference last spring, "a blunder which was speedily corrected." (NJP, Jan. 12).

Dr. David Petegorsky, Congress executive director, said in a reply that Dr. Fineberg "completely misses the point of the criticism of the American Jewish Committee for having joined the Conference."

"The burden of criticism has always been the negative and narrowly-conceived program of the Conference itself," he said. "It has always been our fundamental thesis that communism cannot be combated merely by negatives and denunciations."

The Congress official said such an approach always led to repressive legislation "such as the McCarran law, to a heightening of hysteria and to violations of civil rights."

"Effective opposition to communism must embrace a positive program dedicated to the full maintenance of civil liberties and the elimination of those imperfections and inequalities in our democracy which provide communists with their most effective propaganda," Dr. Petegorsky said.

In a counter-charge, he declared that "in the various statements of policy and meetings of the Conference one could find no understanding of the full significance of America, the dynamic concept of democracy with its obligations to improve itself, no sense of obligation to the free peoples of the world, or those engaged in wrestling freedom from oppression, no humility as our own tasks and no rededication to or willingness to sacrifice to that the deals of democracy may become real for all who live within this country."

Dr. Petegorsky emphasized that "the fundamental criticism was never that Merwin K. Hart was invited to participate in the original meeting. That fact was mentioned only incidentally in our original statement."

The Congress official said that Dr. Fineberg's statement again "quite clearly reveals that the American Jewish Committee is about two-decades behind the rest of the Jewish community in understanding the roots of racism."



DR. DAVID PETEGORSKY
A Definition of Isolationism

Dr. Petegorsky found little to applaud in the fact that "every anti-Semitic organization has been scrupulously excluded from the Conference," as Dr. Fineberg put it.

"What Jews have learned in the last 20 years has been that our security is jeopardized less by the violent anti-Semitism of the hate-mongers than it is by those who maintain the pattern of racist thought and practice in America, who cavalierly violate civil liberties and who resist any effort to end racial discrimination in this country."

"The All-American Conference unfortunately includes such groups and that should have made it impossible for any self-respecting Jewish body to associate itself with it," he asserted.

"Among the individuals and groups prominent in the organization of the Conference were persons who have done much to undermine civil liberties, and organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, which flagrantly practice racial discrimination, espouse 'nativism' of the most dangerous kind, and strongly oppose efforts to extend civil liberties in this country," the Congress official declared.

Dr. Petegorsky insisted that the composition of the Conference from the very start was certain assurance that it could never adopt the kind of a program to fight communism which the Congress regarded as the only effective one.

"Rabbi Fineberg's citation of

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the names of some individuals associated with it to demonstrate its purity is about as convincing as efforts to prove the lily-white character of communist-front groups by referring to some names on their letterheads," he said.

The Congress official said that Dr. Fineberg was "wholly in error" in saying that Congress criticism of the Conference was made before its first meeting was held. He said "our statement of opposition was made only after the newspapers had announced that the Conference had already been meeting for a day in New York City and had made public a list of more than 50 participating organizations."

"We find fullest confirmation of our judgement in the fact that organizations which are authentic spokesmen of American liberalism, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Americans for Democratic Action, the American Veterans Committee, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were either not invited to the Conference or refused to participate and that the CO withdrew after participating in the first meeting," Dr. Petegorsky said.

"Each of these groups has vigorously and successfully fought the communists both in its own ranks and in the country as a whole, and each of them is dedicated to the kind of a positive program which we have always advocated."

He said that he found it

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ISRAEL'S NEW MINISTER OF TRADE ASKS POWER TO FREEZE WAGES

JERUSALEM—Yaacov Geri, Israel's new non-party Minister of Trade, last week asked legislation giving him power to freeze wages.

Geri made the proposal in his maiden speech in the Knesset (Parliament) after an urgent appeal to employers and workers to agree on a voluntary wage freeze. Premier David Ben-Gurion promptly announced Geri was speaking only for himself.

Geri made his proposal for mandatory controls when his proposal for voluntary arrangements drew little response from the labor-dominated Parliament.

Geri said that one of the greatest obstacles to Israel's industrial development was high wages and lack of efficiency.

"amusing" that Rabbi Fineberg had denounced as "isolationists" those groups which had refused "to associate themselves in a common crusade with many groups who have consistently demonstrated such unconcern with the expansion of freedom and civil liberties in America."

"Only a few years ago, the American Jewish Committee was vigorously criticizing those who insisted that Jewish groups had to join fully in the struggle for the full rights of all people in America on a level more effective than mere verbalization."

"The charge of 'isolationism' comes with ill grace from an organization which, by its opposition to the democratic unity of the Jewish people through the World Jewish Congress, has isolated itself from Jews in all lands; which by its opposition

to the Zionist movement for many years, isolated itself from the reestablishment of the Jewish State; which by its withdrawal from the American Jewish Conference, isolated itself from the vast majority of American Jews in the common task of assuring Jewish survival, and which, by its present support of the All-American conference, is isolating itself from the genuine and authentic liberal forces and heritage of America," he concluded.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

HELLER FINDS ONLY THREE DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COUNCILS

SURVEYING the American Jewish scene, Rabbi JAMES G. HELLER of Cincinnati, Reform and Zionist leader, drew a doleful conclusion for the benefit of Omaha Jewry. Asserting that democracy in Jewish life is practically non-existent, the Cincinnati rabbi said that he knew of only three Jewish communities in the United States with democratic community councils. He listed them as Cincinnati, Los Angeles and Newark. He also offered a capsule description of the American Jew as a "man in transition, living in two worlds, not completely detached from the ghetto, not completely assimilated in the American environment."



HELLER

The Sober Thought

Pondering some comments made to him by congregants, Rabbi LOUIS M. LEVITSKY of Oheb Shalom Congregation in Newark, found himself somewhat disconsolate. Several congregants for one reason or another had been unable to reach him and in all cases, told the Newark rabbi they assumed he was busy with "weddings and funerals." Rabbi Levitsky commented with some

bitterness that it was "a sad reflection on the relationship between a rabbi and the community, when people think that weddings and funerals represent the main activity of a rabbi, or even any appreciable portion of his numberless responsibilities." Said the rabbi sadly, "nobody has ever said to me that he thought I might be in the library when he was unable to reach me."

The Helpful Tag

LEE OMA, the heavyweight boxer whose up and down career took another plunge last week when he was belted out by champion EZZARD CHARLES, is a man of many plumages, according to Arthur Daley, N.Y. Times sports pundit. For reasons best known to himself, OMA, son of a parish priest fought for a while as Levi Omanski, "the Jewish jolter," according to Daley.

The Last Word

Cleaning up the annual American Jews and the Yuletide question, Rabbi WILLIAM P. GREENFELD of Indianapolis briskly disposed of all arguments by which many U. S. Jews defend their participation in the ceremony. From the point of view of the Christian, "we are reminded time and again of the statement of a leading Christian minister whose words are probably echoed by all Christians to whom Christmas is more than a time for amusement and gift sending. He stated that he could not understand why a member of another people was profaning symbols which were sacred to Christianity." As for Jews, "it must be equally obvious to the Jew who has the slightest knowledge of Jewish history that for us to participate in Christmas symbolism is to mock the martyrs of a hundred generations." He concluded; "there is no place in Conservative Judaism for those who seek strange vineyards."



The Fame Well Lost

A brilliant young British violinist, KALMAN KINNORY, has given up a chance to play with the world-famous Philadelphia

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

FRIDAY, Jan. 26—Rabbi Saul I. Teplitz, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center of Laureton, L.I., speaking on "Beginning Anew," last in a series under auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, on the "Faith in Our Times" program, 1015 a.m. EST, Mutual.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21—Rabbi Joseph Zeitlin of Temple Anshe Chesed in New York, speaking on "Our Best Years" third in a series of sermons on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

Philharmonic Orchestra, for religious reasons, according to the Jewish Chronicle of London. Kinnory, who came to the United States to build a musical career, turned down the coveted opportunity because he could not be assured that he would not have to play on the Sabbath.

The Forthright Bid

No friend of the present system of electing delegates to World Zionist Congresses, Dr. NAHUM GOLDMANN, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, went all the way last week. Speaking at the mid-winter conference of Hadasah, the veteran Zionist asked for the complete abolition of the shekel as the basis for the GOLDMANN elections. He told the Hadasah leaders that "some way must be found to base the Zionist movement on a more solid foundation than on the sale of Shekolim before each Congress."



GOLDMANN

With the Rabbis

Rabbi and Mrs. ABRAHAM ALBUM of La Crosse, Wis., announce the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. JOSEPH GITIN of San Jose, Calif., announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, at Temple Emanuel.

Rabbi ELIEZER EBNER, formerly of Wilmington, Del., has been named spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel of Calgary, Canada.

Congregation Zera-Israel of Denver has named Rabbi ARIE LEVIN as assistant rabbi.

With the Chaplains

Rabbi ISRAEL J. GERBER, spiritual leader and teacher in Pittsburgh, Mass. has been called to active duty as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, as a first lieutenant.

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REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

MENUHIN'S REMARKS TO GERMANS COULD EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED

By SIMON WINCELBERG

EMETH, a new German language newspaper issued in Israel by the General Zionists has recently published an article entitled "Yehudi Menuhin and the Hitler-youth." An introductory note to the article explains that in view of "Meyer Levin's project to produce a United Jewish Appeal film in which Menuhin is to play a refugee from Hitler," the following would be of interest. No other comment is made about the item, except for another introductory note, which quotes the first line of the English song, "Don't let's be beastly with the Germans."

The article quoted Menuhin as having told a German concert audience of the "undeniable crimes which have been committed in this country against his people," but that he "an American, a musician and a Jew," had wanted to "convey to them something of the deep inner alliance of all mankind."

Menuhin then read to his audience the letter of a former leader in the Hitler-youth, who told Menuhin that in spite of his early disillusionment with nazism, "the prejudice against Jews . . . kept alive through generations, and beaten into us from all sides since our earliest youth" was the one feature of nazism that had remained with him, until he heard Menuhin play, and "suddenly knew that the racial measures against the Jews, too, were lies."

EXCEPT FOR THE ABOVE-QUOTED LINE from the English song, Emeth remains entirely non-committal about a story which is open to a wide range of interpretation, and could easily induce ill-considered pro-German or anti-Menuhin sentiments.

The mention that the Menuhin film would be made for the UJA appeared to be contrary to information available to this column that private financing is still being sought.

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SOMEONE planted the following intriguing little item with one of the film columnists of the Los Angeles Daily News: "Marlene Dietrich may land the fem lead in 'The Lovers,' a romantic yarn of the war in Israel, with Richard Conte as a dashing Arab trooper."

What war?

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COMMAND decisions: Louis B. Mayer, headman of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, will serve as co-chairman of the Cedars of Lebanon hospital 1950-51 campaign.

Harry Cohn, president of Columbia, will help raise funds for the City of Hope, the Jewish-sponsored free medical center, which is almost never mentioned in the Anglo-Jewish press without the protesting adjective, "non-sectarian."

Irving Briskin, a Columbia vice president, will be the chairman of the \$1,400,000 cancer hospital at the City of Hope. Above the caption which announces this in the local Anglo-Jewish press, his picture is shared by John Payne and Oscar Romero.

B. P. Schulberg, who was a Zionist leader in New York some 30 years ago, before becoming a top Paramount executive, and who made news earlier this year, with a dramatic appeal for a Hollywood job, has abandoned reported plans to make an independent film of "What Makes Sammy Run," the best-selling novel of his son, Bud Schulberg. Bud's novel, which satirized the Hollywood of the mid-thirties, drew a good many Jewish protests upon its appearance some 10 years ago, for its portrait of a grabby and larcenous Hollywood type on which New York's Eastside by no means has a monopoly, and because certain generalization about "Hebes" in the book were felt to be more on the smart-alecky than penetrating side.

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A LOCAL boy last month missed out on an excellent chance to become the personal projectionist to the head of one of the smaller studios because the job would have involved working on Erev Shabbat.

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SOME recent pictures in the local Anglo-Jewish press:

Filmstar Jeff Chandler being informed by the membership chairman of the Los Angeles Council of Pioneer Women that 18 trees are being planted in his name in Israel for helping the PW's start their membership drive.

Mae Mann, wife of heavyweight Buddy Baer, a guest at a Chanukah invitation luncheon sponsored by the "Junior Auxiliary Jewish Home for the Aged," after having just returned with her husband from helping make "Quo Vadis" in Italy.

Jewish Music On Two Network Shows

NEW YORK—The "Church of the Air" on CBS and the "Message of Israel" on ABC will present programs of Jewish music during Jewish Music Festival, Jan. 20 to Feb. 20.

Darius Milhaud's "Sacred Service" will be featured on both programs, the National Jewish Welfare Board announced. The "Church of the Air" program will be held at 10 a. m. EST.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

JEWISH WOMEN CONFUSED ON WHAT TO COMPETE ABOUT

By HELEN COHEN

I'M BACK on that disagreeable austerity platform of mine.

I don't get to attend many meetings, but I was able to make the joint Joint Sisterhood affairs, sponsored last year by the Conservative and this year by the Reform ladies.

I don't know what got into the girls last year but they must have decided to honor their guests with a super-fancy refreshment table. There were, I recall, scooped-out pineapple halves among other delicacies.

Well, the Temple sisters should have known better but I suppose they were caught off balance by the desire not to be seen in a bad light and at their reciprocating affair recently they followed suit.

As their president said in her speech while thanking the committees, the table was really "sumptuous"—with the center of attraction a breath-taking, massive fruit-filled bowl. On close inspection, the bowl turned out to be made of solid ice strategically embedded with real fruit.

What worries me is next year. What is the Conservative group going to have to produce to out-do this?

WHAT DO YOU SAY, LADIES, to calling a truce? Let's conclude that both Sisterhoods have proven themselves real bala-boostes with a thorough grasp of the finer things in life, and working on the assumption that 99 and 44/100 per cent of the women who attend would like to lose a few pounds anyhow, let's make it a rule that at future joint meetings the menu consist of crackers and cheese and coffee, and let's send the small fortune, which would thus be saved, to some worthy joint project sponsored by the groups.

If there must be rivalry, let the ladies vie on presenting the most inspiring and entertaining programs, on making everyone feel welcome, or let them outdo each other on having the largest turnout.

Oh well, I can dream, can't I?

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I'VE noticed several different comments in the press on the outstanding bravery and heroism of the medical corpsmen in Korea. And I know why this is so. It is because, more than any other group in their fighting unit, the purpose of their work was clear-cut. It was the medic's job to save lives, as many as possible, with as little agony, for the living, as they could manage.

That is what America stands for—the saving of life, not its destruction. Healing, patching up, snatching from death. That is a task for which those men needed no advance prepping.

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IF YOUR infant isn't quite asleep when you tuck him in nights, I would recommend that you place him in the opposite direction from that one you would like him to be in. I haven't figured out yet, however, what procedure you should follow to prevent him from ending up on top of the covers, instead of under them where you put him originally.

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LEGALISTS are no more than a natural result of having laws, so let us not be too rough on the legalists in Jewish life who, down the years, worked at defining the exact meaning of the many commandments.

Even so, it must be noted that too exclusive concern with the letter of the law caused them to sometimes miss the spirit. Instead of concentrating on making the Sabbath a delight, they delighted in figuring the exact distance it was proper to bestir oneself from home base, or just what, down to carrying a handkerchief, constituted labor on the Sabbath.

I THINK I RESENT MOST what the legalists of the Middle Ages did to another one of the 613 Commandments which originally must have been set down with such a bold and vigorous flourish.

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● Morris M. Tosk, 1124 West Arch St., Pottsville, Pa., writes:

Both my parents were born and raised in Poland, one in Lodz, one in Pabianice. They were in the textile business while there. A very distant relative calls himself Tusk, instead of Tosk, because it seems that in Europe the name was pronounced Toosk as in foot. Could you tell me the origin and significance of my name?



TOSK is a distinguished Jewish family name. It is derived from the Italian province of Toscana (Tuscany), birthplace of Rabbi Mordecai Tosk who was Chief Justice (Dayan) of the Jewish community of Pressburg then in Hungary for over 50 years, and died in 1836 at the age of 90. Rabbi Mordecai Tusk, rabbi of Rochester, N. Y., from 1849-1861, ancestor of the American branch of the family, spelled his name thus, because the Hebrew "vav" has the phonetic value of both "o" and "u."

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● Miss A. Schoen, Hotel Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Fla., writes:

I would like to know the meaning of the name Botushansky.

BOTUSHANSKY is a family name of geographical origin. It denotes a native of the town of Botosani, Romania. The Jewish community of Botosani has a 500 year old history. Your ancestor probably migrated from Botosani to neighboring Bessarabia and took the name in acknowledgment of his origin.

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What Foods These Morsels Be

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CHAMISHA Osher B'shevat, representing the time of the blossoming of the trees in Israel is a semi-holiday, celebrated on Jan. 22 this year. Customary special foods include bokser, nuts, dates, fruits and cakes. If our strudel-bakers are in the mood, they could combine some of these in the following recipes for strudel.

FRUIT-AND-NUT STRUDEL

Mix ingredients, or sprinkle them separately in layers one on top of the other, and prepare the strudel according to directions in Standard Strudel Recipe.

Number 1

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| 1½ cup bread, cracker or cake crumbs | ½ cup maraschino cherries, cut fine, or shredded coconut |
| 1½ cups sugar | 3½ cups diced pineapple |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 1 cup ground walnuts |
| 1 cup seedless raisins | |

Number 2

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| ½ cup bread, cracker or cake crumbs | ½ cup chopped citron |
| ¾ cup sugar | ½ cup maraschino cherries, cut fine |
| 1 cup ground walnuts | juice of 1 lemon |
| 1 cup seedless raisins | juice of 1 orange |
| 2 cups shredded coconut | |

Number 3

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| ½ cup bread, cracker or cake crumbs | 1 cup ground almonds |
| ½ cup sugar | 1½ cups sugar |
| grated rind and juice of 1 lemon | 1 cup shredded coconut |
| ½ cup fruit jam | ½ pound Turkish Delight, cut fine |

PRUNE STRUDEL

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| 2 cups stewed prunes or 1 cup stewed prunes and 1 cup stewed apricots | 1½ cups sugar |
| ½ cup bread, cracker or cake crumbs | 1 cup seedless raisins |
| | grated rind and juice of 1 lemon |

Stone the prunes and dice them, mix with remaining ingredients, and prepare strudel according to directions in Standard Strudel Recipe.

RAHM STRUDEL

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| 4 cups thick sour milk | 1 cup seedless raisins |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 1 cup fine bread crumbs |
| 1 cup chopped nuts | 2 cups sugar |

Drip the sour milk over the prepared strudel dough lightly with a large spoon, then sprinkle in succession, one ingredient on top of the other, with crumbs, sugar, nuts, raisins and cinnamon. Roll and bake according to directions in Standard Strudel Recipe.

Israel Airlines Listed In European Flights

JERUSALEM—El Al is one of four major airlines authorized to schedule service between New York and London. World service by El Al includes a route system from Lydda to London, Paris, Zurich, Vienna, Athens and Istanbul. El Al's new division, also operating through the gateway of Lydda airport, heads south to Khartoum, Nairobi, Livingstone and Johannesburg. In addition, there is regular domestic service, Arkia (skywards), between Lydda and Elath, the southernmost tip of Israel.

Max Lerner Named Brandeis School Had

WALTHAM — The appointment of Max Lerner, professor of American Civilization and Institutions at Brandeis university, as chairman of the school of social science, was announced here by University President Dr. Abram L. Sachar.

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Make Jewish Fraternities Jewish

THE CONTENTION that Jewish fraternities "can effectively combat anti-Semitism" is thrown into the argument by a writer in this week's "Freedom of the Press" section of The POST.

This is a new position for Jewish fraternities to take, but the other points raised by the letter writer are equally fictitious. It requires only a brief experience with fraternities—and the writer is a fraternity man—to recognize the fact that fraternities do not select their pledges on the basis of character. If they did, and consequently became a widespread Jewish elite group on that basis, The POST would continue to oppose the system.

Whether or not the fact that a department store owner's son and the son of a clerk in that same store rooming together is typical of fraternity life is not too important. If there were no fraternities and the men all roomed in dormitories, the chances are that more sons of wealthy department store owners would be rooming with the sons of clerks than do at present in the fraternity system.

The letter writer denies The POST's contention that fraternities are often the biggest obstacle in the way of successful operation of Hillel foundations, but then proceeds to warn Hillel not to engage in social and athletic activities lest they offend the Jewish fraternities.

The letter closes with the hyperbole that Jewish fraternities "should be commended for the great and vital role they fulfil in Jewish life." The way the adjectives are thrown around indicates that the writer must be only shortly graduated from the fraternity life he defends.

Just what the contributions are which the fraternities presumably make to Jewish life our letter writer skillfully manages to avoid mentioning. If the Jewish fraternities, with all their inequalities and with all their prejudices, were in even the slightest sense Jewish, if they began to avoid holding their big affairs on Friday nights, if they noted the Jewish holidays with special occasions as is done in most Jewish homes, if they welcomed the Sabbath with a kiddush—even while serving pork as the piece de resistance at the Friday night meal—then there might be some justification for calling these organizations Jewish other than by the fact of birth of their members.

Why So Slow With The Wildacres Project?

THE announcement by B'nai B'rith in its National Jewish Monthly that six Wildacres institutes will be held this summer indicates quite clearly the feeling of the national committee on this project that the best method is the slow method.

Obviously the project's chances of growing are more certain if haste is made slowly. But The POST cannot help but feel that the Wildacres Committee lacks vision and aggressiveness, that it has done too little to popularize the project.

Wildacres is a demonstrably successful system for Jewish retreats. Wildacres was not an invention of Maurice Weinstein who organized the first retreat under B'nai B'rith auspices high in the Blue Ridge mountains of Western North Carolina. Many a rabbi and many a congregation has been experimenting with this kind of a seminar for a number of years.

But Wildacres was the first effort under lay

Whether there is any inconsistency in the position that Jewish fraternities should not exclude other Jews or non-Jews is more debatable question. The position taken by the National Community Relations Advisory Council in its two-part resolution (NJP, Jan. 5)—one urging fraternities to admit "persons on the basis of individual merit only, without any restrictions as to race or creed" and the second, which would encourage Jewish fraternities towards a positive Jewish program—needs clarification, but it seems to be largely a problem in semantics.

As long as there are Jewish fraternities, then it behooves these fraternities to be Jewish in fact as well as in cognomen. Admission of a Negro or other non-Jew here and there, for the time being at least, will not in the slightest change the character of these fraternities, although Phi Lambda Pi has refused to join Hillel as a fraternity, even where its membership is wholly Jewish, as at Indiana University, for instance. The action was based on its non-sectarian charter.

The fraternity system is obviously on the way out. It cannot exist in a truly democratic environment and the trend among universities is—if not to ban fraternities altogether—at least not to encourage their growth. When the time comes that Jewish fraternities are no longer recognizably Jewish because of admission of many non-Jews, then truly will the fraternity be able to say that it is cementing good will (not combatting anti-Semitism) and with some justification can schedule all its house parties on Friday nights.

Meanwhile the Jewish fraternity system is thoroughly illogical and a demonstrably un-Jewish phenomenon. The Jewish fraternity might do something about this were they to initiate reforms and make themselves Jewish in fact. This would require only a slight concession.

If, starting right now, Jewish fraternities and sororities were to institute the ceremonial of the Friday evening kiddush—a very minor innovation—every Jewish detractor from The POST on down would no doubt be willing to hold his tongue.

The next move is up to the Jewish fraternities. Writing letters which merely attack the critics and at the same time deny patent facts which are easily ascertainable will achieve nothing.

sponsorship and was so immediately successful that the slowness in expanding it seems hardly warranted. Wildacres, too, has had the benefit of national publicity.

Along with the development of more such institutes, B'nai B'rith, had it the leadership and the imagination, would be building a system of institutes for synagogues, and a system of institutes which organizations like the Zionists, the Brotherhoods—in fact, all Jewish organizations—might add to their programs. These institutes need not be three or four-day affairs; they could be smaller programs, perhaps only overnight events.

What such a vast-scale attack on adult Jewish ignorance might do, The POST does not here care to discuss. But if bowling can be an important part of the activity of B'nai B'rith men's and women's lodges, then certainly more time and money can be expended on developing something so clearly sound and so marvelously effective as the Wildacres idea.

Mr. Morgenthau, Mr. Warburg And The UJA In 1951

ELECTION of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as chairman of the board of the American Financial and Development Corp., the agency which will conduct the sale of Israel bonds in the United States, unruffles many a furrowed brow.

Here was the man who had raised billions of dollars through the sale of war bonds when he headed the U.S. Treasury Department. Just at the time when the sale of bonds for Israel became a paramount need in the U.S. Jewish community, Mr. Morgenthau—it had appeared—was to retire. Henry Morgenthau had moved over to the AFDC, Edward M. M. Warburg had been named general chairman of the 1951 UJA, and except for announcement of Mr. Morgenthau's resignation as chairman of the UJA, no further word was forthcoming.

But now Mr. Morgenthau is back in action and the Montor-Morgenthau team, which raised so many hundreds of millions of dollars for the UJA, is heading a gigantic effort to aid Israel to get on its feet financially.

In this connection, a word should be said about Edward M. M. Warburg, bearer of a great name in American Jewish history. Mr. Warburg's ascension to the UJA chairmanship for 1951 is a logical succession from the many important positions the son of the late Felix M. Warburg has heretofore held in the Jewish community.

A successful UJA is vital in 1951. The first local drives are about to get underway. In view of the fact that one community inevitably looks to the other, these first campaigns may determine to the extent of millions of dollars the final outcome of the 1951 UJA drive. This is a heavy responsibility to place on cities like Miami, locus of the first major effort of the year, but Miami has been a notable bellweather for successful UJA years. The POST knows of virtually no other city which is better equipped both in leadership and spiritual stamina to show U.S. Jewry how a Jewish community fulfills its responsibilities.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

I HAVE TAKEN more beatings from my friends, a good many of whom are rabbis, on our book reviewer, Ward Moore, than I have on almost any other feature of The Post. I have never met Mr. Moore; he is a protege, so to speak, of Ben Gallob, the managing editor. In fact, I have written to Mr. Moore only once, and then to send him a critical comment from Rabbi Harry Essrig, so I can be blamed only indirectly for what Mr. Moore writes, because I pay for the paper which gives him the audience.

I must say, however, that Mr. Moore writes exquisitely if not without a touch of what seems to me sadism. My Reform rabbi-friends would add, sadism with a peculiar anti-Reform bias. As a reviewer for The POST, Mr. Moore is indeed a real find. He is a student of Judaism, with a wide background in Jewish literature, and—while this judgement will lose friends and make enemies for me—Mr. Moore's reviews belong in The POST because they fit in with The POST search for more truth, more facts, and its free-swinging attitude against anything in the Jewish community which needs criticism.

I write these comments as an introduction to an article by Mr. Moore, who incidentally is, of all things, a farmer out in California's wide desert valleys, which appeared in the November issue of the Jewish Horizon. This is the publication of Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious labor Zionists. That article really belongs in The POST and with the permission, for which I have not asked, of the Jewish Horizon, I am reprinting it here. Why it belongs in The POST you'll soon see without my taking any more time to tell you. It's title: "Would That Mine Enemy Had Written a Book Review."

ONCE AN AUTHOR wrote a letter praising my review of his book. This seemed so unnatural that I at first suspected some subtle irony, for letters from authors to reviewers range from the insulting to the plying. I know, because I've written them myself. But the appreciation in

this case, though incredible, was genuine. The writer really felt I had done justice to his book. After a year and a half I am still astonished.

There is a certain coziness about the Anglo-Jewish press. Except in the most highfalutin' periodicals which seem to make a conscious attempt to beguile the non-Jewish reader, there is an air of relaxation, a comfortable indiscipline, unthinkable in general journalism, reminiscent of the neighborhood shule on weekdays. Columnists remark on the failings or virtues of their colleagues, gallop off severely on their particular hobbyhorses, boldly attack editorial policy, and all in all make themselves thoroughly at home.

This coziness also means that no contributor hesitates to usurp another's subject. The society editor has her say on Zionism; the writer on Jewish education takes a crack at sports; the woman's page includes Hollywood tidbits, the sports reporter has some light to throw on application of the Shulchan Aruch. All are inveterate literary critics. That this makes for liveliness is undeniable; if the reviewer, who has stayed up three nights running to finish reading eight hundred closely printed pages and pounded out a thousand words of criticism, is scooped by the chief editorial writer—well, he can retaliate by deploring the kosher butcher rackets.

Or can he? As is proper in People of the Book, we appear to take our bookreview columns more solemnly than the others. If the drama critic slurs some cherished whimsey, the reader shrugs and turns the page; if the literary critic remarks mildly that a book by the minister of a reform temple is theological baby talk, the reader writes a burning letter denouncing such obvious bigotry. If another minister utters a tome on the sense of humor and the reviewer notes that Dr. Blank gives no evidence of having any, most of Dr. Blank's immediate relatives and some remote ones, all of whom, by some genetic freak are feminine, try patriotically to ease the deficit of (Continued on next Page)

Portion of the Week

BESHALLACH

PARSHAS Beshallah. (Exodus 13:17-16; Haptharah, Judges 4:4-8:31. The Israelites had just concluded their escape from Egyptian slavery, when danger seemed to overtake them, check their final rescue. Pharaoh and his chariots threatened to overtake them, as they seemed to be cornered by the waters of the Red Sea. The Midrash deals extensively with the mood, the despair and the faith of the Israelites to deal with this situation. Moses preceded his people in crossing the Sea, which according to the legendary report parted so that God's people could cross it in dry ground. After them, the sea closed and drowned the approaching Egyptian army. The portion climaxes in the beautiful song of triumph that Moses and the children of Israel sang unto the Lord. Miriam, Moses' sister led the women of Israel also in a song of victory. The personality of Miriam calls to our mind the strong and courageous "Mother in Israel," Deborah, the prophetess and her act of rescue of her people and the song that she, too sang in triumph and victory, which is read in our prophetic portion of the week. In our Parshah, we hear how God helped

the starving children of Israel through the gift of Manna, and their thirst, through Moses' action on the rock. We also learn of the attack of the Amalekites and the victory fought by the Israelites and magically influenced by the outstretched arms of Moses. The Portion closes with the prophecy that "that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

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the Post-office Department by insisting that if the reviewer had really read Dr. Blank's book he would never have said such a mean thing. The reviewer, smugly conscious of rectitude, replies that he has indeed read Dr. Blank's book, and since he was writing for a family paper, suppressed his more vigorous adjectives. (This repeated charge of non-feasance seems to indicate an innocent conviction on the part of authors' relatives that reading a book is a hard task, one more likely to be shirked than performed. Reviewers do, sometimes, get praiseworthy books. They are presumably by orphans, for no relatives write to congratulate the critic on having actually read them.)

Why is this trigger-happy sniping more prevalent in the Anglo-Jewish than in the general press? It is too simple to speak of cultural nepotism, which in its lowest terms reduces to, "Well, a landsman—give him a hand. What harm can it do?" Or on a more elegant, but scarcely higher plane: "The purpose of a Jewish reviewer should be to encourage readers to buy Jewish books." Both are merely expressions of contempt for the integrity of literary criticism and of astonishing ignorance that there should be standards applicable to books.

This is a variant of the exploded notion that a reviewer is not a critic, but a reporter. This theory was abandoned long ago when it became obvious that books are vehicles of ideas—or lack of them. Since ideas are intangibles they cannot be reported like statistics, but must be valued—and evaluation is criticism.

Now, standards—literary, political or ethical—are personal, just as religion, adherence to custom, or ideology is personal. Standards are also absolute and inflexible; a matter of right and wrong, good or bad, rather than of taste. An impersonal, relative criticism is not only a contradiction in terms, it is a philosophical impossibility. A writer does not abdicate his opinions, prejudices, aspirations, fears or faith when he puts on the mantle of criticism—the most he can do is conceal them. This of course is exactly what the complainants demand, implicitly or explicitly. But hypocrisy hardly seems the road to integrity and a book reviewer without integrity merely fills good space with unpaid advertisements.

Literary criticism being rarely a full-time job, is it not irrelevant to offer three eminent amateurs as illustration. Presume the editor of the Capernaum Chronicle asks Rabbi Akiba to review that Roman best seller: "How I Beat Bar Kochba," by Julius Severus (Rome: Q. Publius Caracus; 10 sesterces). Neither editor nor reader would expect R. Akiba to divest himself of partisanship in order to give an "Objective, well-balanced" notice of General Severus' work. Mohandas Gandhi, reviewing a book on war without reference to his pacifism, would be as absurd as Thomas Jefferson, forgetting the Declaration of Independence as he steps out of time to criticize the collected speeches of J. Stalin.

What holds for them holds for lesser men—except in some sections of the Anglo-Jewish press, where literary critics are assumed by innocent (or irate) readers to be divorced from

these elementary definitions. I have no personal knowledge of whatever anguish a reviewer who considers kashrus an outmoded sanitary code suffers when faced with a history of the Neturei Karta. However, I do know what happens when two volumes by Reform ministers are surveyed—logically enough, it seems to me—through a summary of the Reform viewpoint as it appeared to me who had been brought up in it. The cries of "Bigotry!" and "pro-Orthodox orientation" (a phrase which, for confusion of tongues, might have been coined on Babel itself) were only silenced by the considered judgment from still another minister that I was temperamentally unfit to review such works, that I was consciously perpetrating a hoax (I protest my aversion to practical jokes amounts almost to a phobia) and finally, most crushingly, the ultimate censure: that I had not read the books.

It was in this review one distressed reader discovered as in a major error, for I had said "Germans of the Mosaic persuasion sat comfortably with their silk hats between their knees (the ineffable effulgence will make the naked Jewish skull no more uncomfortable than its gentle counterpart in the Lutheran Church across the way); slept softly through a topical sermon, and having been as attentive (almost) as though he had been at a play by Goethe, went home to his Sunday dinner of baked ham or creamed chicken." A gentleman from the old South chastised me—more in sorrow than in anger—by pointing out that neither of these delicacies were regarded as holiday fare in Germany. Woe is me! To such blunders does bigotry inevitably lead.

But perhaps the most devastating reproof was administered by a choleric author who wrote in comparing me to a little dog and his book to a painting by Rembrandt, concluding majestically, "The dwarf will see of a giant only the heels."

Meanwhile I cherish my solitary letter of appreciation. Poor fellow, he was a mere professor of psychology probably without female relatives to tell him how grievously I wronged him, or convey the dark suspicion that I had never read his book.

New Urban Center Set Up In Negev

BEERSHEBA—A new urban center was established this week in the Central Negev area between Bir Asluj and Kurnub. The settlement, named Be'er Yeruham (the well of Yeruham) will initially take the form of a maabara (temporary immigrant work village) for new citizens from the hill regions of Kurdistan and Iraq.

Israel Arab Farmers Get New Allocations

JERUSALEM—Arab farmers are to receive loans amounting to \$280,000 from the Ministry of Agriculture, in addition to \$196,000 already allocated. The Ministry recently approved the allocation to tobacco growers for a year, and the remaining \$90,000 will be granted for a longer period to enable the farmers to purchase animals and equipment.

Content's Jewish Frats Deserve Praise For Vital Role In Jewish Life

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Jewish publications, above all, should be guilt-free of glittering generalizations. The National Jewish Post makes a mockery of this fundamental tenet in its ridiculous and distorted opposition to Jewish college fraternities.

The POST has attacked these societies in its editorial columns on several occasions with a glaring disregard for facts. The POST's theory seems to be that Jewish fraternities are harmful because it is wrong for one set of Jews to set themselves up as better than another when the basis for judgment is false.

The POST also attacked Jewish fraternities recently because several of them will not accept non-Jews.

Thus we witness the unhappy hypocrisy of a paper which clamors for the preservation of Jewish ideals on one hand and accuses some of their co-religionists of bigotry and discrimination because some fraternity men wish to preserve their identity as Jews.

I contend there is no better place for Jews to identify themselves as such than on a college campus. They can do so by belonging to a Jewish fraternity where they are judged accordingly, where they do much to disprove certain false theories about Jews and where they can effectively combat anti-Semitism.

The POST falls into the same rut as other diehard detractors who pay scant attention to facts by asserting that the basis for selection in Jewish fraternities is money or social position.

That's pure nonsense. The only basis of selection among fraternities is character. When a fraternity pledges a new man it is also inviting him to be a house guest for four years. That his qualifications are carefully considered before he is pledged shouldn't startle anyone unless he subscribes to the theory that people who share the same household shouldn't be compatible. The fraternity is also inviting the neophyte to be a partner in a business enterprise which in many cases runs into six figures a year. Most people like to be a little choosy about their business associates, also.

The fraternity house is the only place in my experience where the son of a wealthy department store owner and the son of a clerk in his store shared the same room. I contend that is a good thing for both men.

Character being the only true test of acceptance, it also behooves comment on the falsehood that fraternities are in a position to change a man basically. On several occasions I have heard disgruntled parents, boastful of the fraternity system until their pride and joy was rejected for membership, admit that "I know he's a spoiled brat, and that's our fault, but your fraternity can change him." I regret to say that such flattery is silly.

The POST contends that "a poor but brilliant Jewish student is snubbed by Jewish fraternities. A rich nincompoop is fought over by the fraternities." That's a libelous statement, and I defy the POST to prove it. Had the POST bothered to inquire it would have learned that no fraternity initiates a pledge unless he proves his ability to do good scholastic work.

The POST also says fraternities and sororities are Hillel's biggest

obstacle. That, like the rest of the distorted statements, is pure hogwash. Fraternities cooperate in every possible way with Hillel. On my own campus, the University of Oregon, there could be no Hillel foundation were it not for the Jewish fraternity at that institution. The intention of Hillel is to help fulfill certain religious and cultural functions on the campus for the Jewish student. It is only when Hillel attempts to move into the social and athletic sphere—activities which are amply provided by the institution itself—that Hillel isn't welcomed.

Thus, to its discredit, Hillel has tried to do:
The assertion that a college

man can't be happy unless he belongs to this or that fraternity is a fabrication of the anti-fraternity element. I know many men who, by their own choice, were just as happy not being Greeks as they would have been joining a fraternity.

Fraternities have proved themselves useful and desirable on the American college campus, and Jewish fraternities, rather than to be rebuked, should be commended for the great and vital role they fulfill in Jewish life.

HARRY GLICKMAN

Portland, Ore.

Ed. Note: For POST comment, see this week's editorial page.

QUESTIONS REFERENCE IN EDITORIAL TO 'CORRUPTIONS' IN THE GHETTO

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In your issue of Nov. 17, there appeared an editorial entitled, "Not Fear or Love of God." Although in agreement with the principle thesis expressed therein, I am compelled to take exception to one of its apparently casual references.

You wrote, "Even in the Ghetto days with its many corruptions of true Judaism, the fear of God was really an attitude of awe, and the true Jewish attitude was really love." May I be so bold as to inquire what constituted these so-called "many corruptions of true Judaism" which you impute to ghetto Jewry, or are they too "many" for enumeration? Is it because in the ghetto days the Jew largely adhered, faithfully and sincerely, to all the laws and traditions of Judaism as transmitted to him for generations? Or is it because the Jew of the ghetto, through his unparalleled history of martyrology, typified one of the most sublime and hallowed ideals of Judaism, that of Kiddush Hashem, the sanctification of God's Name?

I am not certain whether Jewry of "the age of enlightenment" to borrow your own phrase, with its multitudes who are virtually ignorant of Jewish values or totally indifferent to their Jewishness, with its many who are ready to accept of Judaism what is socially or intellectually pleasing to them but conveniently discard all else as archaic and out of concert with modern culture (?), with the not so few who latently quiver and cringe at even the mention of the name "Jew"—I earnestly

doubt whether this Jewry can stand up to that of the ghetto where "there grew up that beautiful Jewish home life which, though its story is seldom recorded, is more important than the outer events and misfortunes that historians have made note of." (D. Philipson).

I consequently question your good judgement in making such a sweeping assertion in so dogmatic a fashion. This is not a defense of the ghetto system or a plea for its return, but I vigorously protest and seriously challenge the indiscriminate use of careless and disparaging references to one of the most notable and distinctive segments of our people.

In the preface to "The Earth is the Lord's," Abraham J. Heschel, noted scholar and philosopher, made the following appraisal of the East European period in Jewish history, the period one of whose major features was the ghetto, whether expressed in physical or spiritual isolation: "I feel justified in saying that it was the golden period in Jewish history, in the history of the Jewish soul."

May I call to your attention the fact, and it is to your praise, that your publication is not only read for its journalistic or news value, but that it frequently serves as source and instruction material in many a Sunday or religious school. Since it not only informs but also teaches, it is your duty to exercise the greatest of care in all your writing and especially editorials.

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Israel Orchestra Needs Its Own Conductor To Fully Realize Its Promise

By JOSEPH GALE

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will start the third week, in Montreal on Monday, of a 10-week tour of 40 American cities during which the orchestra will have performed 55 times under the joint direction of Serge Koussevitsky and Leonard Bernstein.

The grueling tour of "Israel's proudest possession," sponsored by the American Fund for Israel Institutions, is being taken by 94 musicians. Of these six are women and only 10 are natives of Israel, the others having emigrated from the lost countries and orchestras of Europe.

The cross-country trek will swing through the Middle West, beginning Jan. 28 at Toledo, stop briefly in the Rockies, Feb. 21 at Denver, touch the Northwest three days later at Portland, travel downward into California, stopping in Oakland, Feb. 26, curve back through the southwest at Phoenix, March

6, then through the oil country concluding in Memphis on March 14.

This is a long way from the patrician comfort of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here where on Jan. 8, 2,000 persons paid \$100 each for the privilege of eating a kosher dinner and afterwards listening to a concert by the orchestra.

The program included a symphony, a violin concerto played by Isaac Stern, soprano Jennie Tourel singing a movement from a symphony by Bernstein, Jan Peerce in an operatic aria, an orchestral work and a composition by an Israeli composer.

The lavish spectacle began at 6:30 p. m. and ended more than six hours later.

Bronislaw Huberman, who founded the orchestra 15 years ago, would have been proud, not simply of the social saturnalia, but of his people, whose concerts this reporter had the luck to hear on two occasions.

The hush which fell on the be-jeweled Waldorf audience was well-deserved. The Israel Philharmonic is not too far from equalling most of the orchestras now playing. It is extremely pliable and flexible, re-

sponding more readily to direction than any group this reporter has heard in years. One has the impression the orchestra might easily play by itself, relieved of the burden of its conductors.

The strings are the Philharmonic's achievement and glory. Bernstein coaxes them and plays upon them almost, it seems, to the breaking point. The woodwinds are not nearly so good, and the brass and percussion play too loudly. Yet the overall impression is still one of concentration, great heart and a feeling for music which approaches virtuosity.

The Philharmonic stands on the threshold of greatness. It now needs a single conductor with precision, strength, discipline. Koussevitsky is too gentle for that job and Bernstein is too young, a man of limited gestures who uses them to the limit. The orchestra needs someone in whose blood courses the tempi and incisiveness not often discernible in European conductors.

Whatever its real or fancied needs, recordings should be taken before the orchestra departs these shores. So memorable a visit as this should be etched for posterity, to say nothing of the present public.



GALE

Conservative Scholar Foresees Disunity Growing Out Of Reconstituted Sanhedrin

BALTIMORE—A ranking Conservative rabbinical scholar asserted this week that re-establishment of the Sanhedrin in Israel as the supreme interpretive body for Jewish Law might hinder rather than help the cause of Judaism.

The warning came from Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, spiritual leader of Beth El Congregation, in a comprehensive summary of the arguments on the issue.

The question of reconstitution of a Sanhedrin has been a topic of debate almost with the reestablishment of Israel. The first step in that direction was taken by the Rabbinical Council of America more than a year ago.

The Rabbinical Council, representing the younger, American-trained Orthodox rabbinate, opened discussions with Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel. The talks were repudiated by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada and sharply attacked by some American Reform rabbis.

Hesitancy within the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel has apparently caused temporary suspension of all discussion on the issue.

Rabbi Agus preceded his doubt on the value of a Sanhedrin by raising the question, in a statement to The POST, as to whether the admitted need for adaptations of Jewish ritual to modern conditions required the reestablishment of a Sanhedrin.

BY NO MEANS

"By no means," he said. "In



RABBI JACOB AGUS
No Unity This Way

theory, the elected representatives of any community are entitled to lay down such ordinances as they think are needed, suspending any law of Torah, if in their judgement, such action is required 'for the strengthening of the faith.'

Tracing the institution back, Rabbi Agus asserted that the Sanhedrin and unified religious authority "are by no means identical. On the contrary, when the Sanhedrin functioned in the second commonwealth, there was no unity, with the Sadducees repudiating the entire Oral Law, and

with the Egyptian Jews maintaining a Holy Temple, in which sacrifices were offered."

WHEN UNITY CAME

"But when the Temple was destroyed and the Sanhedrin ceased to exist unity was achieved in the Judaea Academy and through a long line of heads of Yeshivah, first in Palestine only, later in both Palestine and Babylonia," he said.

The Baltimore rabbi said that in the present time, "there is no ideological common ground between the literalist Orthodox rabbis on the one hand, and all modern-thinking rabbis, on the other hand, no matter whether they call themselves 'modern-Orthodox,' Conservative or Reform."

He insisted that a Sanhedrin formed by the Chief Rabbinate in Israel today could do nothing but give expression "to the fundamentalist mentality that is inherent in the institution itself."

"The fortification of the fundamentalist mentality that is implied in the institution is not likely to work in behalf of any of the values cherished by pro-

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EUROPE MISSIONARIES SPEED EFFORTS WITH JEWISH ORPHANS

LONDON—(WNS)—Reports of mounting activities by Jewish missionaries in Holland among Jewish orphans in Christian homes and institutions reached here recently.

According to the report, the leading figure in the effort to convert the Jewish orphans is one

S. Bloom, a converted Jew, who was said to have requested a high member of the Dutch royalty to head the movement. His effort was rebuffed, however.

Bloom is said to have presented a plan to the world missionary movement, calling for a five-million dollar subsidy for the erection in Holland of an international home for all Jewish orphans in Europe now under Christian custody. It is Bloom's plan to give the children a religious education similar "to the Jewish religion." This, he told would-be collaborators in his movement, would give "moral satisfaction to all concerned" and would thus once and for all solve the problems of Jewish orphans who were placed under Christian custody by way of saving them from death under Hitler.

At the same time it was reported that the soul-snatchers, with the help of Jewish converts, are spreading their tentacles throughout Europe.

Jacob Aronson, Reform Leader, Dies

NEW YORK—Jacob Aronson, a leading Reform lay leader, died last week at the age of 64.

He had been named honorary chairman of the board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations last November after serving as chairman. The UAHC is the congregational arm of the U.S. Reform movement.

He had been vice president and chief of the law department of the New York Central Railroad up to his retirement Jan. 4.

COMMITTEE NAMED

NEW YORK—A committee headed by Dr. Morton J. Robbins has been selected to change the name of "The New Palestine," official organ of the Zionist Organization of America.

Alsation Jews Win Court Fight On Nazis

PARIS—(WNS)—An interesting trial, with the Jewish community of the Alsation town of Jungoltz as complainants and the city council of defendants, concluded in the judicial district of Kolmar with a victory for the Jewish community.

The action was brought to collect damages resulting from the wrecking of the Jewish cemetery during the Nazi occupation. The pro-Nazi Burgermeister of Jungoltz destroyed the Jewish cemetery and sold the stones to builders. When the war ended, the returning Jews demanded that the city make good the damages and pay for the restoration of the monuments. At the trial, former members of the city council admitted that the act of vandalism had been motivated purely by hatred for Jews and that the Burgermeister had not been forced into the act.

The court ruled that the city pay damages to the Jewish community for the restoration of the 56 monuments.



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PARABLE OF A LITTLE OLD LADY AND A FUND-RAISING BAZAAR

By CARL ALPERT

DO YOU see that lady back there toward the rear of the auditorium? No—over there, to the right; the lady with the white hair and the sweet, pleasant face. Well, she's one of the really important people here tonight!

No, she's not going to speak. In fact, she's not on the program at all. I doubt that they'll even mention her name. What did she do? I'll tell you the story.

The Parent-Teachers' Association had decided some time ago to launch this affair as its major fund-raising event for the benefit of the Yavneh Yeshivah, Elizabeth's splendid Jewish Day School. As everyone knows, the women associated with any institution always do most of the work and frequently raise most of the money. Our P.T.A. knew full well that while the men can be relied upon for certain duties and responsibilities—among them the signing of checks—the actual work would have to be done by the ladies themselves.

And so the preliminary meetings were held, the committees appointed, and the duties assigned. This was to be a bazaar, and there was a good deal of work. Squads of the members made the rounds among the local merchants to obtain the necessary merchandise—no junk, but good saleable stuff. The mission required qualities of perseverance, insistence and tact. Other members undertook to prepare and put up the decorations. The best artistic talent of the sisterhood was mobilized for this purpose. Still others began the advance selling of the tickets of all kinds with which a bazaar abounds. There were speeches to be made, publicity to be taken care of, arrangements to be arranged—oh, there was enough to keep almost every one busy for weeks. You know what it's like—you've had these affairs in your own community.

THE GRAY-HAIRED lady with the sweet face? Yes, I'm coming to her. She attended the meetings and pondered how best she could help. The gentle old soul was much too timid to sell tickets or ads in the souvenir journal or to solicit merchandise. Make a speech? She trembled at the thought. And so, while the women about her bustled around and reported and turned in the advance funds, she just sat there and thought. What could she do best? Her husband and children always complimented her on her baking and so she decided to bake a cake.

Perhaps you would have thought that it was just an ordinary cake—of pleasant taste and attractive appearance—but into that cake went more than the ingredients called for in the recipe. The good woman measured and sifted and whipped and stirred and measured again and beat and tasted and poured and baked with all the care and love and devotion which an artist or author or musician would give to one of their creations. She hovered carefully over the oven to make sure that her creation would be done to perfection; she iced the cake with a hand that trembled slightly, but which was sure nevertheless, and she prepared it for the bazaar.

SHE TOOK IT to the Center that day. Did the chairman of the food committee seem unappreciative of her magnum opus? Perhaps it was only her imagination; perhaps the chairman was somewhat harried because the frankfurters had not yet arrived.

The cake was set on the table together with other cakes and was duly sliced. Our friend winced a little as the knife cut through the icing carelessly and a few crumbs were needlessly scattered. Ten cents a slice, read the sign, and the cake sold well. The crowd was hungry at the bazaar that day and they ate everything, cake, frankfurters, bread and rolls, cole slaw, cookies—everything.

THE GRAY-HAIRED lady stood by the table for a long time, and watched as each slice was sold. She studied the face of each



ALPERT

Israel Coop Builds

First Iron Lungs

RISHON-LE-ZION, ISRAEL.

—A cooperative here has manufactured iron lungs for the first time in Israel. One of the members of the cooperative, under whose instruction the iron lungs were constructed, gained his experience during World War II while working in a British Army workshop which received an urgent request for an iron lung.

The iron lungs built here have been approved by doctors at the Beilinson Hospital. The cooperative is now manufacturing iron lungs for export, and there are prospects that orders will be received from Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.

WZO Education Work Assailed By Agudas

LONDON—The National Council of Agudath Israel, an ultra-Orthodox organization, last week blasted "the attempt now being made by the Zionist Organization to lay hands on the education of Jewish youth and children in the Diaspora."

"The education which has for many years been propagated by the Zionist Organization has found the disfavor of all leading Rabbanim, Roshe Yeshivoth, religious lay leaders, as well as all Orthodox Jewish circles throughout the world," the statement added.

The charge was directed against the work of the Education Department recently set up by the Jewish Agency.

"Any such interference by a political body in the proven field of our educational system embracing Yeshivot, Talmud Torah classes, Jewish schools and Beth Jacob institutions, must call forth our protective opposition and adamant resistance," the statement said.

U. S. Mizrahi Start Israel Art College Plan

NEW YORK (WNS)—The Mizrahi Organization of America this week launched its program to establish an Israeli college of arts and sciences, it was announced here following a meeting of the institution's Founders' committee.

Work on the main building of the college will be started this year, Dr. Pinkos Churgin, national Mizrahi president, disclosed. This single structure will cost about \$1,500,000, Dr. Churgin said, revealing that the site of the college at Ramat Gan, has already been determined. When completed, the college will offer bachelor and masters degrees in the arts and sciences.

U. S. Jewry Totals 4,700,000 In 1950

NEW YORK (WNS)—The Jewish population in the United States, according to a survey in the American Jewish Year Book of 1951, is 4,700,000.

The Jewish population in this country had previously been estimated at four and a half million.

DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS

BILIKOPF WORKED ON DU PONT'S TO HALT THEIR AID TO HATERS

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

JEWISH Social Service Worker No. 1" is the epitaph applied to the recently deceased Jacob Billikopf by the FORWARD's Z. Sher, one of several Yiddish writers who record their sorrow at his passing. Although he was Louis Marshall's son-in-law, Billikopf always remained "one of our Jews," writes Sher; he was proud to be a Litvak and landsman of Abe Cahan, FORWARD editor.

Billikopf was both able and lovable, writes Sher. As head of the Joint Distribution Committee as impartial arbitrator for a variety of industries, as counsellor to Jewish leaders, his qualities of kindness and common sense were a valuable asset to the Jewish community. Billikopf, although only 67 when he died, had a rich career behind him when his health began to fail several years ago.

Educated in Virginia, he was for 10 years president of public welfare in the State of Missouri, and then went on to national leadership in the JDC. During his last days he was serving as tribune for his people, attempting to dissuade members of the duPont family from supporting organizations suspected of anti-Semitism.

U. S. Zionists Get A Biblical Warning

A strong plea for a union of all Zionist groups in America is made by the noted Zionist, Elihu David Stone, in the DAY. "The partisan fragmentation of the Zionist movement should, must, and will be ended," writes Stone, "in order to serve Israel and the program for Jewish survival in America."

Becoming homiletical, Stone reminds his readers that when Moses was confronted with a new epoch, he ascended to the heights of Sinai. But when Noah found himself in a new world, he took to drink. American Zionists must, like Moses, reach new heights in serving their cause in a new era, not become intoxicated like Noah, Stone warns.

A new federation of Zionists must not abolish party-lines altogether, but it is imperative that all groups band themselves into a united organization, with general Zionists, the Mizrahi, Labor Zionists, and revisionists

pulling together for the common cause.

Jewish FCC Member Battles To Save TV

In Washington, a female Horatius stands on the bridge of Public Interest defending television from complete commercialization. She is Freda Henneck, blonde, beautiful, and fortyish, the only woman member of the Federal Communications Commission.

Miss Henneck began a campaign two years ago to insure that 25% of television time be devoted to education. Her six fellow-Commissioners were at first lukewarm to her crusade, but they are being won over. Currently, extensive hearings are taking place in Washington, with educators from all parts of the land defending the Henneck proposals and warning that television will go the way of radio if steps are not taken now for the inclusion of teleeducation with telenotainment.

M. FRANK, of the JOURNAL, discloses that Miss Henneck was brought to this country by her Polish-Jewish parents when she was a youngster, but that she still remembers her Yiddish. Once, after Frank devoted a column to her, she sent him a thank-you note in pure Yiddish.

Canada Y Champs Drop To Second Place

National Jewish Post MONTREAL—McGill's Redmen have edged the YMHA basketball team down into second place in the Montreal Basketball League. In their first game of 1951, McGill won 52-38.

It was the second time this year that McGill, with two former Y players, defeated last year's Dominion Champions. The Y is trailing now by two games.

The Y Blues took a game 55-49 last week from the Windsor Aces, another local team. The Aces chalked up a 10-point lead at the start of the match. They were hard hit, though, when their top scorer, Pil Weisberg, was barred from the floor after five fouls.

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McDonald Returns To Israel Fund Aid; Careerist New Envoy

NEW YORK—Acceptance by President Truman of the resignation of Dr. James G. McDonald as first U.S. Ambassador to Israel cleared the way this week for the famous Christian Zionist to return to fund-raising for Israel.

The return was signalized by the appointment of Dr. McDonald as chairman of the advisory council for the half billion dollar bond issue to be floated in the United States by Israel.

At the same time, President Truman formally nominated Monnett B. Davis, present ambassador to Panama, as successor to Dr. McDonald.

BACK TO ZIONISM

Announcement of Dr. McDonald's appointment was made by Henry Montor, executive director of the American Financial and Development Corp., which was set up to manage the sale of the bonds.

Montor said the advisory council will consist of leading Americans who are interested in extending moral support to the bond drive. In the post, Dr. McDonald will return to his pre-envoy role as spokesman to non-Jews in behalf of Jewish needs in Israel.

Israel opinion on Dr. McDonald's departure as envoy did not appear to be too pessimistic.

OK WITH ISRAEL

The Israel Government gave its agreement to the nomination of Davis and it was believed that he would be warmly welcomed.

Davis has served in almost every part of the world except the Near East, and nothing is known about his views on Israel and Zionism.

The anticipated friendly reception for Davis, despite that fact, was based on the fact that Israel officials have hoped that a career man with intimate knowledge of the U. S. State De-



DR. JAMES G. McDONALD

Better For Less?

partment would succeed Dr. McDonald.

TOO FRIENDLY

There has long been a feeling in top Israel circles that Dr. McDonald's open and passionate devotion to Zionism had counted more against than for him in the State Department echelons, where anti-Zionists and pro-Arab officials are not a complete novelty.

The attitude was outlined by an editorial in the Jerusalem Post, in speculation on the new envoy, in which the daily said that "It may be that Mr. McDonald fought our fight too well, and another may come in his place who may conceivably help us more by liking us less."

U.S. MATZOHS DUTY-FREE IN CANADA FOR PASSOVER

National Jewish Post

MONTREAL—American matzohe will enter Canada duty free during Passover and the weeks preceding it, the Canadian Jewish Congress announced this week.

Saul Hayes, national executive director, told The POST after a visit to Ottawa that the Department of National Revenue had agreed to waive the usual duty. During the Passover period, Canadians will pay about the same retail price for matzohe as consumers in the United States.

NO MORE MADE

The Congress approached the federal government because matzohe no longer are manufactured in Canada. The Goula Co. at Toronto closed recently under the pressure of competition from widely advertised American brands, a Congress spokesman explained.

The B. Manischewitz Co., a branch of the American firm, closed its factory near Montreal during the past year. Like the much smaller Toronto company, it operated only during the months before Passover. Manischewitz products not kosher for Passover were imported from the company's American plants.

OVERSEAS DIPS

The Canadian Manischewitz factory opened in 1947 as part of an unused war plant, the Congress spokesman said. Since then,

shipments for overseas need have dwindled and the 200,000 Jews in Canada do not provide an adequate market.

Recent issues of Israel economic journals report negotiations to import Manischewitz machinery in Canada.

U. S. Engineer Students Offered Israel Jobs

NEW YORK—American students in engineering and allied lines are offered three-months jobs in Israel this summer under a special program announced last week by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Participants will be assigned jobs with various institutions in Israel from June 1 to Sept. 1, with salaries enough to cover housing and living expenses.

First French UJA Ends In Failure

PARIS—The United Jewish Appeal in France has been dropped after a one-year trial that turned out disastrously.

The Jewish Chronicle of London reported that on instructions from Jewish Agency headquarters in Jerusalem, French Zionists withdrew from the UJA and will handle their own fund-raising for Israel from now on.

When the French UJA was started early in 1950, a goal of 500,000 pounds was set but only 90,000 pounds in cash and 15,000 pounds in pledges was collected. Expenses reached 25,000 pounds.

A Jewish Agency official said that a few thousand Jews scattered over the Belgian Congo had contributed more in 1950 than all the Jews in France.

Now N. Y.—Lydda Air Service Soon

NEW YORK—Twice weekly service from New York to Lydda, Israel, will be inaugurated by El Al, Israel's National Airlines, in March. The trip will be made in 26 hours, with a stop in London.

El Al ("to the skies") recently received the first of its fleet of Constellation aircraft. This 57-passenger transport was modified to incorporate the most modern devices, by Intercontinental Airways with the cooperation of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. which built it.

TWO NAZI FILM PRODUCERS MAKING STRONG COMEBACK

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Two of Joseph Goebbels' outstanding collaborators in the Nazi film world are progressing along the comeback road in post-war Germany, according to a New York Times report from Frankfurt.

One of the film moguls is Veit Harlan, producer of "Jud Süss," who escaped punishment for his anti-Semitic activities when a German court exonerated him on the ground he had made the pictures under duress. The other is Oswald Cammann, who bossed the German film industry under Hitler along the Nazi party line. Now it is reported they are making non-political pictures with the approval of high German Government officials.

Despite a warning by the German committee for UNESCO that showing of pictures by such people would reopen old wounds and that no one whose films had served as an instrument of hatred among nations and races should continue in this field, showing of a new Harlan film was approved in Hesse over the protests of the local association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

Dr. Kaplan Named Paris Chief Rabbi

PARIS (WNS) Dr. Jacob Kaplan was inducted here as Chief Rabbi of Paris, succeeding the late Rabbi Julien Weil.

The induction ceremony was attended by Maurice Fischer, Israeli Minister to France, and high church and government dignitaries, among them French Minister of Justice Rene Meyer.

Israel Spurns Big Three Bid To End War State With Germany

JERUSALEM—Israel last week declined to follow the action of several governments in terminating their state of war with Germany.

The announcement of the Israel position came as the Jewish State made plans to reestablish an informal relation with the Bonn Government of Western Germany but only to press claims for restitution.

Jewish MD Finds New Insanity Test

BALTIMORE—(WNS)—That the diagnosis of mental disease by blood tests may be a possibility of the future is indicated by a ten year study of the reaction of living plant roots to the blood from insane patients made by a Baltimore doctor.

Dr. David I. Macht, Consultant and Research Pharmacologist at Sinai Hospital, reports in the current issue of the Southern Medical Journal that blood serum from insane patients is poisonous to plants and retards their root growth. Dr. Macht's study revealed that the deeper the insanity, be it either an organic or functional psychosis, the greater is the effect of the poisonous blood of the insane person on the plant.

A functional psychosis is defined as a mental disorder, such as dementia praecox or manic-depression, in which there is no associated demonstrable disease in any specific organ or organs.

Public feeling in Israel is so strong against Germany that it was made plain that there is no intention here to enter formal diplomatic relations with the Bonn Government.

FIGHT GERMANY

Simultaneously, the Israel Parliament passed a resolution opposing the remilitarization of Germany and its admission to the family of nations.

The resolution was backed by all parties, except the Soviet-oriented Mapam and the Communists, according to World Wide News Service. Those two parties insisted that no mention be made about the rearmament of East Germany under supervision of the Soviets.

The proposal to terminate the state of war with Germany was made by Great Britain, France and the United States, and the rejection was made by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Sharett listed as factors barring such action by Israel the experience of a substantial number of people now living in Israel who survived the Hitler terror and the ghastly events which Jews suffered in Europe under Nazi domination.

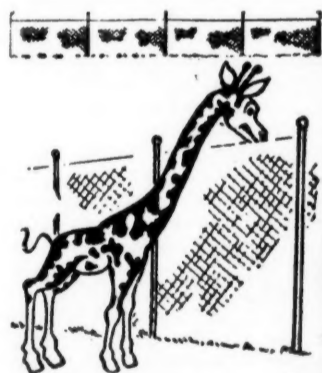
SOME RELATION

The nature of the relation Israel hopes to establish with Bonn was not known, in view of the feeling against any kind of formal accord. At stake are restitution claims totalling perhaps as much as a billion dollars.

The decision to seek restitution directly was made after harsh experience had demonstrated that collections could not be pursued successfully through the occupation governments in Germany.

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